

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the personal interview conducted with the Examiner, the Examiner's supervisor and Applicant's representative on December 11, 2007.

During the interview, the feature "displaying on a display device the used space size and the free space size of each of the recording media by using the same scale for the same sizes", as recited in independent claim 1 was discussed in great detail. In particular, Applicant submitted that the cited reference, Gunji, does not teach or suggest that the bar graphs depicting the DVD and HDD in FIG. 4 use the same scale, and that there is no disclosure in Gunji that recording areas having the same size are represented by bars having the same length regardless of the type of recording media being used.

Applicant then submitted that the features of claim 3 and claim 20 are not disclosed by the cited references. In particular, Applicant argued that neither Gunji or Oka teach or suggest "editing means moves the digital image data stored in one of the recording media to another one of the recording media by moving a portion in the bar graph corresponding to the used space of the former recording medium to a portion in the bar graph corresponding to the latter recording medium", as recited in claim 3.

No agreement was reached.

The Examiner further recommended amending claims 1 and 13 to incorporate the feature "wherein editing the image data comprises resizing the image data and displaying areas of the image data that are saved by the resizing in at least one bar graph".